



## State of Idaho

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Governor

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Director

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**RE: Notice of Curtailment of Ground Water Rights Within the Bellevue Triangle – Basin 37  
Administrative Proceeding**

Dear Water Right Holder,

You are receiving this letter because, according to the records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department"), you are the holder of one or more ground water rights subject to curtailment pursuant to the enclosed June 28, 2021, *Final Order* issued by the Director of the Department in response to the Basin 37 Administrative Proceeding. The Director initiated the administrative proceeding pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-237a.g, because a drought was predicted for the 2021 irrigation season and the Director had information indicating the water supply in Silver Creek and its tributaries may be inadequate to meet the needs of surface water users.

The Final Order applies to all consumptive ground water rights, including agricultural, commercial, industrial, and municipal uses, but excludes ground water rights used for *de minimis* domestic purposes where such domestic use is within the limits of the definition set forth in Idaho Code § 42-111 and ground water rights used for *de minimis* stock watering where such stock watering is within the limits of the definitions set for in Idaho Code § 42-1401A(11).

The Final Order requires that, at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2021, ground water users holding water rights within the area known as the Bellevue Triangle, and listed in Exhibit A to the order, must curtail/refrain from diversion and use of ground water pursuant to those water rights, through the 2021 irrigation season, unless notified by the Department that the order of curtailment has been modified or rescinded as to their water rights. The Final Order also directs the watermaster for Water District 37, on July 1, 2021, and thereafter through the 2021 irrigation season, to curtail the ground water rights listed in Exhibit A to the Final Order.

Because you are the holder of one or more ground water rights listed in Exhibit A to the Final Order, you must curtail/refrain from any diversion under the above referenced water right(s) in compliance with the order, unless and until you receive further direction from the Department or watermaster after the watermaster has consulted with the Department.

Information regarding the status of this curtailment may be found at:  
<https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/administrative-actions/basin-37.html>. If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact the Department's State Office in Boise at 208-287-4800, or the Water District 37 watermaster 208-886-2451.

Respectfully,

Gary Spackman, Director